

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Secretary Chao:

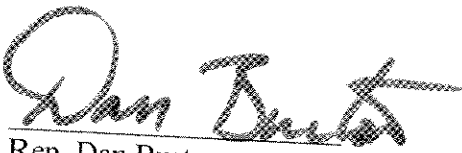
We write in support of Indiana's National Emergency Grant (NEG) application for workers who have been affected by the large-scale dislocations in the RV industry. NEG funds will go a long way in helping workers affected by the downsizing in the RV market.

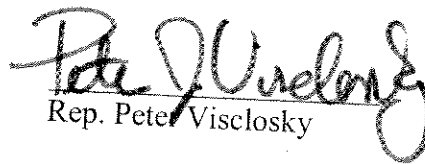
Indiana has over 545,000 manufacturing jobs and high energy prices, economic anxieties and credit worries have hit this industry hard. Hardworking men and women throughout the state have been severely impacted. Mainstays in the manufacturing sector, Monaco Coach, Dutchman, Newmar, Pilgrim, Coachmen, and Keystone, have been forced to make the difficult decision to layoff almost 3,000 employees. The proposed NEG will provide much needed assistance to these individuals.

The entire community has banded together and has worked with state and local officials to persevere through this difficult time. Representatives Souder and Donnelly have held worker transition workshops for employees affected by this downturn. However, federal funds are still needed. We ask that the Department of Labor quickly approve the NEG funds to support these workers and their families.


Thank you for your help and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

  
Rep. Dan Burton

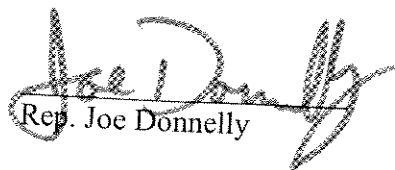
  
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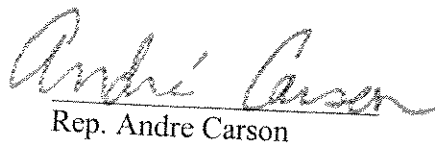
  
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